

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 10 beginning at line 4 as follows:

--If the last state change time plus the alarm stable time, t_s , associated with the alarm is less than the current time 508, then the alarm is deemed stable and the entry for the alarm is removed 514 from the table. If the alarm state is cleared 516, an alarm clear notification is sent 518. Then the table cursor is moved 512 to the next table element. The process flow moves through each table element to end 506 after the last entry. The process may be repeated periodically to remove ~~unstable~~stable alarms at a desired frequency.--